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First Ald to the Allies.

First aid to our allies in the great war must take the form of auxillary perhaps \$20,000,000. A total increase Atlantic transportation of foodstuffs; that is to say, we must press every put a greater load on real estate than available cargo carrying ship into it now deserves to bear. That is why service as soon as she can be made the Mayor urges the members of the ready. There is no time to be lost.

Great Britain now supplies nearly all the tonnage employed. The Ger- enough as they are without having man submarines in the week ending added to them the direct tax of the April 25 sank forty British ships of State. more than 1,600 tons and fifteen ships of less tonnage. Unless the British The Vote on Conscription To-night. mercantile marine can be reenforced strongly and rapidly the distress of the British and French people canbe grave danger of a final triumph marine weapon, on which her last comfortable majorities.

be transported overseas if the Brit- tol but the very earnest and illumiish people are reduced to starvation nating consideration of the subject good health. by the cutting off of their supplies in the columns of the nation's press. from America.

be waged ceaselessly, and to this has educated Congress. campaign the United States must also contribute with all its resources.

the domestic demand and every avail- ordinary wages is not likely to volun- rather good at getting ahead. able vessel engaged in the trade of teer for his country's defence at \$13 the great lakes should be drafted. It a month, is possible to take into the Atlantic What Congress has done is to get through the Welland and Lachine shown that present conditions of war. canals into the St. Lawrence, a con-1 with Germany putting 10 per cent. dition that of course excludes the big and France 12 per cent. of her popufreighters. It would probably be ad- lation into the field at the first call, fer the cargoes to deep water ships hazard methods of volunteering. It at Montreal. In this lakes to sea has been taught that the voluntary traffic we should have the energetic system exhausts the best and highest assistance of the Canadians.

to say offhand-a count would be uneconomic for the State. necessary. It is largely a question sels that could be released for war ally support the President to-night. traffic. According to the report of the United States Commissioner of Navi- Repeal the Vicious and Crippling gation in 1915, the gross tonnage of the great lakes was 2.818,009. The tonnage of Atlantic and Gulf coast May 1, the United States Governshipping was 4,295,885. Here is a by the Government with allowance for admission who fall within clearly of a fair rate per ton, our shippards defined and closely drawn categories. would be hard at work turning out new construction to add to the American merchant fleet.

But it is one thing to plan this first aid to the Allies and another over the President's veto in February. thing to carry it out vigorously without letting the grass grow under our ened man in the country, and with full expensive, wasteful and less satisfacfeet. Not a day, not an hour, should be lost in speeding the execution. The existing in the labor market. need is urgent, the situation is critical. If the United States Government and the American ship owners rise to the occasion the war will be civilians and soldiers and with muni- weights. won and won decisively beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Feace in the Anthracite Region.

Defence and also to provide for the ne- able to work, "You cannot read, you cessities of the public. Their agree- shall not enter." ment is binding on employers and em- Never before has the United States tions of the wheat that are sifted strikes or lockouts.

ring up trouble between the owners and in the presence of this supreme

putes will be adjusted in peace with- on paper! out interruption of production. The been put first.

This arrangement is one of a numof its creation. At least one step in of instruction they themselves lacked.

It was inevitable that the city budhigh prices, for New York is a great | for workers! buyer as well as a great employer. Therefore Mayor MITCHEL'S ansurprising.

der a huge part of the State's deficitof \$30,000,000 in the city budget would Legislature to pass the Mills bill.

The city tax rolls are grievous

Votes will be taken on the conscription bill both in the Senate and the House this afternoon or late tonot be long postponed, and there will night. Unless careful observers at Washington are much deceived the

the last contingent of, say, 2,000,000 began, though by debate we mean

ald means cooperation with Great have believed that a bill for the creditine to drill and study the science of ships. That is imperative, and it is perimentation with a call for volun- tires. They sleep better. They have a race against time. The war upon teers could pass. But the country the enemy with every type of war- has been educated in that brief space | terest developed only by the exploraship and power boat will of course of time. And the country in turn tion of a new field of knowledge

Events have had much to do with vestors to enlist for the war. War this change of convictions. The slow loan bonds? Lots of us have never But without regard to this phase of progress of volunteering for the ser- owned a bond. But this is our chance cooperation, every available Ameri- vices now inviting it has been a tell- and we know it. The denominations can merchant ship laden with food ing argument against the system. In will be small and there will be and war material, but chiefly with twenty-four days the army, needing chances to buy by a system of modfood, must put to sea and take its 183,898 men, could recruit but 32,108 erate instalments. Patriotism tells and his decision is the cause of gen--and those were the days of the first us that we ought to buy as much as eral regret. But if Gum Shoe But enthusiasm over the declaration of we can swing. But our selfish selves In addition to the interned German war. People with any clarity of vi- tell us that every cent we lend to the ships which have been taken over sion-even Representatives in Con- Government is in fact money actually but must be remained and refitted, gress have been forced to recognize saved for the future. and in addition to transatiantic vess that economic conditions are not con- Partnership with Uncle Sam means sels under our flag, every coastwise ducive to volunteering. The man who a chance to get ahead that can come not yet figured out? cargo carrier that can be spared from has or can get work at double his in no other way. Americans are

a considerable number of ships from awake to the truth that new condi- and prices goes into effect on Monday inside "to create patriotism." Racess the lakes, but they must be able to I tions teach new lessons. It has been visable, perhaps necessary, to trans- do not permit the old, dilatory, hap-

type of citizenry at the first stroke. What our resources are in great It has been made to see that volunlakes shipping it would be impossible | teering is unjust to the volunteer and

We are confident that Congress has of draft and of the number of ves- reached this conclusion and will loy-

Literacy Test!

Beginning on Tuesday of next week ment will close the doors of this counwealth of material to draw on. As try to all immigrants over 16 who the desirable vessels were taken over cannot read, except a few applicants

> A Congress more pliant to the demands of selfish agitators than responsive to the ideals and needs of the nation passed the literacy test against the protests of every enlightknowledge of slarming shortage then tory than the larger loaves. They as warriors to the Government will be

To-day the United States, at war tions for the guns that in Europe and lacks men for its farms, for its in- extravagant. The millers, to pro- Tis reported to-day that the Khiva of dustries, for its mines, for its rail- duce flour attractive to the eye, elimi-'The anthracite coal operators and roads, for its shipping. Government nate from it a high proportion of miners have agreed to maintain the agents and private emissaries are nutritious matter, positively benefioutput of coal to meet the require- combing the land for men able and clai to health, which should be inments and needs of the Government as willing to labor; and soon Federal inset forth by the Council of National spectors will say to men willing and Is no excuse for this except the un-

pares, and their just moons that needed workers as it does in the out of the flour supply the elements certainly for the duration of the war spring of 1917. Every trade and most needed by the human body: there will be no interruption of the every calling seeks them, not merely the fibre building, strength sustainsupply of hard coul on account of for its own purposes, not for the sake ing, bone making, muscle renewing of profits, not to accomplish seifish elements that only sophisticated and Coal is essential to the success of ends, but to save the United States the industrial and military operations from disaster, to protect democracy of the nation, and our enemies have in every corner of the globe from not neglected the possibility of stir- destruction by Prussian absolutism;

the operators and miners is the answer of the resources of its civil estabto allen conspirators and their agents lishment to drive from its portals who have endeavored to cripple us at men of good will, of industrious home in order to minimize our con- habits, of strong arms, of unquestributions to our ailies abroad. It tioned courage, because they canno serves notice that from now on dis- rend a few words set down in ink

They may be men of the best charintegrity and safety of the nation has neter. They may have struggled to reach the United States, unimated by desire to repair the misfortunes ber concluded by the Council of Na- which kept them from an education. tional Defence that prove the potence. They may have come hither that their 1 25 of that board and confirm the wisdom children may enjoy the advantages preparedness was wisely taken before They may bring deep muscled chests, white flour as the best. It is not. but if they must confess that they food Nature put in the wheat has cannot interpret a few arbitrary symhols printed on a sheet of paper, they must be excluded from the ranks of

This is the fruit of selfish, mean and petty politics. This is the result nouncement that the increase in the of heeding the pleas of special intercost of running the local government ests and closing the ears to the opinlesson of history. A country engaged State increases its own receipts by the world has seen is hamstrung by its passage of the Emerson or Mills bill, legislators, and as it prepares to fight which would levy an income tax of 3 for its existence must expend a part per cent, on the net incomes of cor- of its energy in repelling from it the porations, the city will have to shoul- agents and assistants it most sorely

Could Congress do a more useful, a more intelligent or a more necessary act than to repeal at once the vicious literacy test, which by its folly and wrongheadedness now disgraces the statute books?

For Self and Uncle Sam.

The appeal to patriotism is primarily an appeal to all that is unselfish in a man or woman, but there is no appeal to American patriotism to-day which does not contain in it important elements of personal and selfish benefit.

As Americans we are besought to raise foodstuffs individually. The in the war by Germany with her sub- measure will pass both chambers by quantities may be little enough taken singly; in the aggregate they will be It used to be said that debates in a notable contribution to the world's Congress never changed a vote. It is supply. To raise foodstuffs means a mies to fight on the western front. It apparent in this instance that the sacrifice of time and tiring labor, but will require at least six months to rule, however general in the past, no though a man is growing vegetables organize, equip, train and despatch longer applies. The temper of Con- for the general good, he is doing their Government protects them. the first expeditionary army, and gress has changed very materially something immensely more important probably at least two years to land since the debate upon conscription for himself. He is lessening his own cost of living for months, perhaps for men. But no large army will ever not alone the discussion in the Caple a year. He is exercising vigorously and cultivating not only potatoes but

Those who are likely to give mill-Six months ago no one familiar tary service immediately or in the It admits of no argument that first with Congressional opinion would not distant future, and who can find Britain to break through the sub-jation of an enormous army by a war, are not making any sacrifice to marine blockade with relieving cargo | draft without any preliminary ex- | speak of. They have better appea new interest in life, the kind of in-

Soon Uncle Sam will be asking in

Our Dally Bread.

baker's bread will cost New York from 25 per cent, to 50 per cent, more than it now does. That is the meanthe master bakers.

Already the five cent loaf has disappeared from the suburbs. Now it | ing even a pretence of patriotism. is to vanish from the city. Flour, yeast, sugar, labor, fuel-all the exnomic laws.

Because there is no exact and legal article of diet. standard loaf, the announcement made by the bakers is confusing. They devise a new sized loaf, to famous fisherman, should be able to comes from the oven, and offer it to day off in America. the public at 15 cents. Hitherto the ten cent loaf has weighed as much. A ten cent loaf will still be baked. but it will weigh only sixteen ounces Thus the purchasers of ten cent loaves will pay for a pound what they have been paying for a pound and a half. Their dime will be worth in impudence. bread only two-thirds of what it previously was.

have advertised the five cent loaf as and committed to the task of supply- all they could to make the public ment ing our allies with food for their ready to accept the new prices and

The loaves will continue for a time Asia protect our homes in America, to be made of white flour. This is cluded in the finished product. There reasonable, unscientific public demand for white bread. Those por-

> spoiled taste rejects. Before the bakers announced the increase in bread prices the Federal Government got after the millers in an effort to have them reform their

used instead of only part of it, on the amount now ground, 18,000,000 more barrels of flour would be produced In a year than are now turned out; and it would be better flour, more young men entering the navy are healthful and more sustaining than the poor stuff we now have. Secretary Houston has made serious rep- well in other than Government employ. resentations to the millers on this the waste of good food resulting from

at any time, is criminal to-day. Americans generally have accepted way than white bread

The size and weight of the lonf should be regulated by law; all the life. nourishing elements of wheat should term of enlistment be conserved in the flour. If these should know exactly what justifica-But that item is not all. Unless the in the most momentous struggle the tion the bakers have-and there is and new prices they have decreed.

Paris and Food Prices.

In this day of visiting commissions t might be well to send just a plain, intelligent man to Paris to discover how they have met the problem of extortion in food prices over there.

For they have met it. At the moment when the United States is being besought to send food to France least a decent living. Under the to meet a threatened shortage the ent enlistment system a youth of eighprice of foodstuffs in Paris is far less than it is here. One million or more of the able bodied men of France have fallen since the war began. Four times as many are either in military service to-day, in the hos- return to his kin, or to marry on better pitals or unfit for work because of wounds. The waters round about swarm with German submarines striving to destroy every cargo of food school work to earning capacity is not bound for a French port. But despite the scarcity of labor and the By the universal training system no netivity of the Boches, France finds a way to feed her people and guard them from extortion. Scarcity they and the country would be put in must submit to, but from robbery

With bread at 15 cents a loaf and cheese at 35 cents a pound, those who live on a certain poetle ration must look for economy in kisses.

BILLY MASON of Illinois was the clown of the Senate for a single term. He is now clowning in the House, but his making faces at President Wilson does not seem to please his audience. He was hissed out of a hearing because of a scurrilous attack on the President. Incidentally the incident gives Colonel delivery from his fool friends.

est.-Newspaper headline

Perhaps they laid out the line of ndirection to be followed when a foe of the tipping system took a seat at the table presided over by this genius

Senator Boran is to quit public life on the expiration of his term in 1919.

The Government applauds those who pay their income taxes early; but does it censure those whose indebted- had no use for

from its membership FRANK RAGUSE. a Socialist from a Milwaukee district. who asserted in debate that the battle-When the new schedule of loaves ship Maine was blown up from the declared in his defence that he meant no disloyalty, and that his constituents would send him back to the Senate as soon as a special election could be held. ing of the announcement made by They may; but Ragusz is obviously a man who will continue to furnish reasons for expulsion from any body mak-

Secretary Reprieto showed a fine sense of the fitness of things when penses of baking have gone up, and he selected a Friday as the day on the retail price has obeyed the eco- which to urge Congress to do something to make fish more popular as an

If Joyrus cares to lay aside his Marshal's baton for a rod, then he, a weigh twenty-four ounces when it take a trout or a flounder on his first

That this country has been neglect ing the cavalry type of horse is made evident by the small fields entered in House or the State capital; words do ALBANY, April 27. Park, where the racing season opens to-day.

Prison has not cured DAVE LAMAN'S

The Heroes Not Effaced.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If their customers for the rise in prices the United States army shall be raised by a campaign of education. They by voluntary enlistment, or if it be by will have a real chance to think and conscription, those gentlemen who, with think hard. pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious war, publicly offered their services the growing crops. What is live stock have issued warnings of the higher given the chance to prove their offer why not be consistent and omit live cost of materials. They have done was not mere bluff and self-advertise- stock from taxation the same as other

NEW YORK, April 27, The Khan of Khiva.

It is reported that the Khan of Khiva has established a republican form of gov-

Khan Or maybe I've got the thing twisted-The Khan of the Khiva, perhaps, is the

Has changed the regime that substated. Since the earliest days, from Beersheba to

If that's where the Khanate is listed. He's made a republic where always before

Whatever of royalty ran it. Whatever corrupted the national core, The Khiva is going to Khan it!

The Khan, or the Khiva, whichever it is, Is running things right on the Oxus.

But it all goes to show that the world's And It's curtains for kinglet that blocks

and the workers. The joint action of necessity the nation must exert all practices. If the whole grain were THE ENLISTMENT SYSTEM. | FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Give Way to Universal Training. Other That of Frederick the Great. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The trained as mechanics, electricians, ma- ably, that taught France the lesson of

subject; the Council of National De- I have several acquaintances who enfence may take it up. It should, for tered the regular army at eighteen, served their full term and were hon- pletely, perhaps, than the gifts they orably discharged. Not one of them adherence to white flour, abominable is trained for anything but army life. During the time they were in the army soldiers. When their term of enlistment chose the famous Statue of Liberty, The we confessed that Germany made war rare skill at agriculture or trades; Its bleached his means that good ended they were too old to learn trades, and at factory or clerical work they were inefficient, because their best years had corn meal mixed with whole wheat seemed to sap their vitality. Their militarism, the other, in its majesty b flour yields a delicious, nutritious pride prevented their working for get should not escape the burden of toilers in a community that cries out brend, cheaper and better in every small wages by the side of much younger men while learning an occupa-What they had learned in the peace of the great republic of the West. army was of no value to them in civil

From the foregoing can be drawn the in 1918 will be \$10,000,000 is not ions of statesmen and the eyes to the sensible precautions were taken we best sort of argument for universal training, the system that calls for one or two years training of young men of eighteen. The discipline and outdoor some justification-for the new loaves life of one or two years military training between the ages of eighteen and twenty would improve the physique of would not interfere with their choice of occupation, since the training period would come between the close of school work and the beginning of college attendance, or between the ending of high school instruction and the learn-

Every young man is entitled to an opportunity to become fitted to earn at fices this opportunity. He is deterred from reenlisting by the small pay of the soldier, because of the hope that he will be better compensated in some other than a soldier's pay.

Is it proper that the other young men of the country should benefit by his sacrifice, in that their transition from interrupted while his is entirely cut off young man would be called upon to make this sacrifice. equal physical and military training. position to defend itself. NEW YORK, April 27.

WHAT AILS EASTERN FARMS. A Radical Change in Sentiment Needed to Rehabilitate Them.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Be farms and increasing the production of of the present situation of farms and farmers should be sought and found. Base? condition of agriculture is the result of many causes; no one cause could be re- ter year to return a semi-ossified or sponsible for present conditions.

were the farmers, but about this time forever in the way of vital decisions and the Government opened up thousands of square miles of homestead lands in the hedy? Such obstruction must not con-West. A hundred and sixty acre tract tinue indefinitely. If these men, who gressmen and Senators what they feel of virgin land was given to the man have clung to their positions in order to who would take it, while a farm of sim- save their faces with their constituenilar size in the East would cost from cles, have not the decency to resign of \$7,000 to \$10,000, and was taxed on their own volition, they should be nearly that amount. Competition was forced to do so by the indignation of out of the question, and then began the nation, whose purpose and spirit the decline in Eastern farming which has continued till now the large ma- sonal ends. jority of Eastern farmers are little more with other inherited stupidities. than laborers, unskilled and uneducated

Business men decided that the Uast because of cheap grains from the West. farmers and frowned ness on this account its clerks have down on the profession as being un- As it Stands It Is Inhuman and Unworthy of a good man's efforts. Everyroads did all they or their owners could To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUT The to kill Eastern farming because they Senate of the State of New York has wanted revenue from Western grain and passed one of the most victous and unenjoyed for years were curtailed or de- in the Legislature of our State, namely, through strikes and political influence, stances to shoot any dog. until it is impossible for the farmer to. This bill provides that all dogs at get help. Take the one matter of taxes, large not wearing a license tag may per cent, of the farms are taxed on an outside of New York city must pay a assessment of as much or more than fee of \$2 for a male and \$3 for they will sell for to-day, while many a female dog. Yet an owner under this manufacturing plant is assessed for bill would have no redress if the animal about half what it can be sold for. This were shot. endition does not tend to attract capi- The bill provides that a dog may tal. Everything the farmer has in his shot for "worrying" any animal. easily taxed to the limit.

ng is practically at a standstill. The to keep the dog. armer is down to bedrock. He has lost | Such a law would be eminently unhope because everything has been and fair, but it has passed the Senate at a appears now to be against him. It is time when the attention of the owners useless to call upon him from the White of dogs is distracted by the war. not count; he must have something tangible offered him to start him on the

road with faith in his occupation. Not so many years ago Connecticut law passed by the Legislature which should do the fighting? protect the sheep industry from ruination by dogs. Just keep on along that many of our foreign born women ferent outlook. The bestowal of official

One thing not taxed on the farm is on the farm but a growing crop? Then growing crops? I believe the pursuit of this policy would do more to revive real interest in farming than all that has been said and done in the last ten years. I think we all are becoming interested more and better farming, and if any one has a valid objection to making live stock on the farm non-taxable let us

A. F. FARMER. JEWETT CITT, Conn., April 27.

Those Wild Iowa Nights

From the Mount Ayr Press.

Some are inclined to call this a dead own when for some there has not been night that something has not been going on that has been worth mentioning. A moving picture show every night, a Meth-odist revival with good music and gospel preaching, a skating rink and lodges and y could wish, and then to think the minutes the two parties tried to classidead! If there is anything about the mouster as it rolled and wallowed you that is dead you are it. You had the surf.

Unfair to Our Young Men, It Should One Offers the Statue of Liberty, the

From the Christian Science Monitor. It was the retreat from Moscow, prob rine engineers, &c., and upon leaving the vainness of militarism, and saw her the service they are well qualified to do turn, practically finally, with the brief exception of the obsession of the Second Empire, to the pursuits of peace. ing could to-day illustrate the difference between her and Germany more com have respectively chosen to present to the United States. Germany chose th figure of Frederick the Great, the very incarnation of her military genius. Francone stands before the doors of the Wat the entrance of the harbor of New

HANG THE PIRATES Distinguished Seaman on Proper Post-Bellum Penalties.

day and with its torch by night, offers

the welcome of the Pax Americana, the

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE: 1 Vandergrift deals only with "post-bellum penalties" to be visited on those of atrocities on the land. He might with equal justice have suggested that all who are responsible for or have committed murder at sea by the illicit use of the submarine should do. For those who stay risk neither also be hanged, from the Kaiser and life nor health nor income from which Von Tirpitz through the officials at the the means of subsistence must come. division down to every individual submarine captain who has done these deeds against humanity and in contravention of international law.

such drastle steps at the coming of use of the submarine from becoming a precedent in future wars.

It is idle to contend that the submarine captains did but obey orders. Guilt is personal. It is beyond the power of any man to compel another to commit murder. These assassins should not be allowed to plead in defence that they only did what their superiors told them to do. C. F. GOODRICH.

NAPANOCH, April 27.

SENIORITY IN CONGRESS. In the Presence of War It Has Utterly Failed the People. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 19

here no power in Congress by which the chairmen of the committees and the floor leaders who are dealing with the questions arising in this war against a family, even upon the most abste-Germany can be made the executors of the declared will of the people instead of its opponents, open or disguised? Is fore a scheme for repopulating the the divine right of seniority to be raised to a fetich to the embarrassment of the farm products can be devised the cause free and rapid development of our pur-

nity, or some community controlled by political intrigue, has seen fit year ofhyphenated representative to Congress, in my early boyhood the men of affairs is that regrettable accident to stand businesslike procedure in the general they are betraying for their own per-

G. L. STOWELL DORSET, Vt., April 26.

MR. WICKS'S DOG BILL. fair to Owners.

Rights which the farmers had fair bills that have ever been introduced ned them, taxes remained the same or the Wicks bill, which gives any person nereased, and wates have been boosted, the right under indefensible circum- if the United States under similar con- coming sure and quick.

In one Connecticut town I know 75 be shot on sight, but owners of dogs

business is tangible and consequently is a person could shoot a dog if it barked in the street and assert that it worried Every thinking man knows that it a passing horse. The dog could be shot akes a lot more power to start a hody if it barked in front of its own home, on from rest than it does to keep that body the ground that it worried a neighbor's moving, and that is just the case with chicken. Still the owners of the dog-Eastern farming. To-day Eastern farm. must pay the State of New York a tax

PEET GORDON

Women in Farm Work.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! IS it not true that there are millions of was paying a bounty for the raising of women as capable of doing certain kinds heep; to-day it is impossible to get a of farm work as the men who will or The fact, too, should not be forgotten

this line and in a few years the people have done such work in their home In truck farming, fruit farming, dairy

farming, chicken raising, &c., the women should be superior to the men

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 27. The Volunteer Path Still Open.

why men cannot continue to volunteer lorn. Systematic discouragements and Lancaster, Pa., once the capital of the for service, and if they are fit and suit- disappointments destroy his credence, United States, they have to this da able be accepted along with those who and he goes dissipating to keep his King and Queen, Duke and Prince are otherwise drawn by conscription, spirits buoyant. He stands alone and streets; and, as far as I am aware t This offers an outlet to the advocates of the patriotic volunteer system and

Parific Coast Reports First Ses Serpent. From the Avalon Islander. An unknown monster of the whale family

to those who insist upon volunteering.

H. V. CONRAD.

was seen near Seal Rocks. The launches Mabel F. and Manana were within 100 feet of the strange leviathan. For thirty minutes the two parties tried to classify From the Lane Recorder.

Jason Williams took advantage of the open weather last week to paint his wood-shed a light blue with red doors.

Jason Williams took advantage of the of a dirty cream color, and it had jaws and freedom in the business sphere.

THEODORE MICHEL BROOKLYN, April 27.

HOW SHALL THE AMERICAN SOLDIER BE COMPENSATED?

The Third Step for Congress-Dependent Legislation-Make Enlish ment Practicable.

of the population, however, are fit to serve. It is to conditions confronting them that these observations are admen, women or children of thinking age, can, however, do their part. But through the agency of Congress alone can the pathway for progress be made

When he responds to this duty, can man forget his family? In the proportion as he leaves them safe is his cheerfulness to endure hardship and capacity to undergo hazard increased? Can any one deny that those who stay behind may help to carry the load of the soldiers who go? These three thoughts are interwoven. A country, a family, a unity of those

As the primary duty of a man runs to his country, so the efficiency of his service to it depends upon the financial independence of those he leaves Yet this independence depends in turn after all upon the readiness of those who cannot go to make up in some way the loss of those who

The soldiers of the army to take the field now and most fitted to render the best service must be between the ages of 25 and 35. who have given consideration to the physical capacity of men there can do it best. His family can afford to be no question upon this point. Bepeace in order to prevent this nefarious tween these ages a man is at the acme of his endurance and of his ability to respond with strength to the strain of

> It is between the ages of 25 and 35 that most men are married and have represent a system of efficiency large the greatest number of infantile de- ly obsolete. They afford no real effect pendents. They have more to give ive principle of compensation. to their country and more to lose to come after disability or death. their families. In an army to carry the colors of

come to the front. Their wives and families would wish it. Nay, they may things, urge it, if assured of reasonable sup- fund of \$7,000,000,000 has been author port after their husbands shall have their. The second will by the end of It is idle to assume that the pay of

with dependents must, sooner or later,

It is quite as idle to suppose that a the Central Powers may not manda prospective pension will justify a man Russia features this point most sta with a family in feeling, when leaving ingly to-day. We trust and belse for the front, that if he be killed or

due course will be provided for, The thing to do is to provide now a law by which men can feel free to we strike muck and strike enlist when duty calls, a soldiers' comprovided hand in hand with the call our help to the Albes and

It is up to the people of the coun- saved each day and countle try to come to tell what they think to be spaced by each day than them should be done, to advise their Con- duration may be becomed ought to be provided. It is for the inspiring tidings should the Federal Government itself to provide atives of France and England a plan better than any which has ob- when they return to their country tained either in the past of this coun- and what more portentous try or which obtains to-day in foreign pressing message can they transm nations, if we desire that the United not to the rank and file of German States shall fill the place in this war who have at heart now at which our President guaranteed when sympathy with this war but is he in defence of the liberty of the Hohenzollerns, the common enem world issued his message on behalf of all, than this

every man shall be guaranteed the made service feasible for ever ordinary quantum of his income as he who is one. They have provided leaves, but within reasonable limits basis for quantity and quality of provision should be made so that his to serve beyond what any dependents may be able to live in rea- has known. Their armisonable respectability, whatever may portioned to their population befail.

Ames in this city. Canada has sent fast as military agencies can tr beyond the seas over 400,000 men, and and mould and move them.

THE CASE OF CHAMP CLARE THE CLERK. A Study in Idle Pride and Hope With The Hand of Providence Shown

To your Propose or Tore Sun-Sire Inall mercantile and commercial houses for the potent influence brought to there can be seen a neat array of office by Mr. Bryan in behalf of the boys, typists, file and entry clerks and tion of Mr. Wilson at the Baltin bookkeepers. Besides their clean cut and cuvention Mr. Champ Clark was pearance and tacitum manner than all have been its nominee and very like

not stand the same change? Consider tures but one of then, but ill stemme for a moment the big business "we" the harangues of Mr. Clark one was did last year and the promises the think that he regards that State as ! "boss" gave me when I asked for my sum total of them sil. last increase! Why should I falter and become restless?

business life; he is so anxious for certain fortuitous events that he is blinded species of Copperheadism to the actual situation. He has a good stock of "dreams" about how arranges be a scheming, self-exploiting profes ments in "his" firm will some day be, sional politician merely matead of beit and every day he runs the gamut of a first class American statesman, vorthem, thereby receiving consolation and ing at all times in the best interest

But the facts present an entirely difcapacity on one or two men every fifteen or twenty years does not answer Shifts in Nomenclature Do Not All the problem for the remaining workers in the establishment. Members of the average office force, however, seem easily beguiled. Hope makes them faith- limited strength to your correspondent ful, silent and patient.

trying to make ends meet, they soon would change place names because the To the Editor of The Sun—Sir: From show a strain. The ordinary clock is have a Germanic cast!

my point of view, when selective conscipling and thin, but the nature of his blid our ancestors change the name work does not make him sullen and for- of Kings and Queens counties? helpless in his plea for advancement. Lancastrian has ever shed a ver

burden of warding off insomina and public works the "N," initial of M keeping a good appetite. Struggling to poleon the Little who built them! did adhere to a decent standard of living the stone cutter's chisel change history adds another weight. Soon we have a Driving along a road near Lancaster toller taking the inevitable butts and over ferty years ago, my father penter knocks of the business world and wait- out to me a house whereto lived, ing for time to complete the story. Is it not time for elected workers to "Hessian Henry"

put their heads together? It seems im- among others by a certain G. possible that they are willing to take ton in 1776 for eternity the regular doses of et- BROOKLYN. the mointer as it rolled and wallowed in the surf. With building eyes and open for eternity the regular does of expanse it would swim on the surface for a stasy. They need to forget false pride and "good connections" and make a strong and manly fight for justice, for it was fully thirty-five feet in length and some semblance of equal opportunity some semblance of equal opportunity

THEODORE MICHEL.

The men of the United States are ditions were represented likewise she called to arms. Ten per cent. at most would have across the ocean an army

of 6,000,000 men to-day. The potency of our army hinges on front in the most efficient condition of mind as well as body, and the one way to accomplish this is to create the condition by which such efficiency

may be evolved. In Canada, as Sir Herbert Ames further explains, it was accomplished first by the ordinary pay of the soidier, second by a separation fund in case of married men which adds as increment, and lastly by a patriotic fund which seeks to make up in som his family had while he was at home and what they will have while he o at the front. The last is not a governmental act with Canada, but with it with us.

The principle of this statement goes deep, but it must not only go deep but stay deep in the consciences of the people of the country and in the mind of the legislators who represent then at Washington,

It should be established by the Go ernment now by a sustained order of legislation that in times of war endeavor shall be made to secure son more equitable distribution of earning results between those who stay a those who go. With this condition a man can d his duty to his country freely and can

let him go and wish him to go. His neighbors and fellows who stay behind can and should make it possible for travel or trench life which is before no fair mind be open to question. Pensions, as known in prior war are frequently abortive.

generally start by legislation enacte after thousands have passed on Ti this country married men and men door for misuse and fraud comes at stays open wide. Congress has to settle a trinity The first is advendy done-

the week, we hope, be done The third is that Congress should the soldier in the ranks, 90 per cent. next week pass a first "dependentian of all the force, is enough to support and later follow it by sequels as event demand. The lineup of all mations again

no change of tront cannot afford with certainty so to wounded the wants of his family in We are in to dgat by concer-

best human That basis should be longation of the war curles . What greater assur-

"The American people have but cannot be contemplated that the experience of others. The troops are coming to join the Al As recently stated by Sir Herbert the shores of France and Belgium

His Defeat for the Presidency.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN .. S. have comething else in abundance elected to the Presidence. In tide

Was not the present manager pro- There are forty-eight units in moted from the rank and the? Do I Inlon of States, and Missouri con

zen not to know that his opposition Thus the typical clerk meanders on the granting of the earnest, pressing and in his narrow and personal view of patriotic appeals of the President at the time is absolutely un-American, are Mr. Clark is discovering himself

"we, the people" of this great republic WOODHAVEN, April 27.

CHANGING GERMAN NAMES To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SULU

Conforming to rigid office rules and protest against the childishness while

Added to the worry caused by seeing it. The French, after the disasters his hope and purpose thwarted is the 1871, cut off from Paris bridges at

harmed and to a green oil ago BROOKLYN, April 27

From the Print the state of by all the objectors becoming